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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
HERMANUS JOHANNES WAANDERS' : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
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FOR: ASSEMBLY FOR SUPPORTING :
AN OBJECT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMSPlease amend the claims to read as follows:¹

A₁ Sub B₂ 5. (Amended) Assembly according to claim 1, characterized in that the protrusions
are formed by metal balls, which are partially incorporated in the first object or in the second
object.

A₂ Sub B₂ 7. (Amended) Assembly according to claim 1, characterized in that means are
provided for the mutual fastening of the combined objects.

¹A marked-up copy of the claim amendments is attached hereto.